Gorkhaland issue

220. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what efforts have so far been made by the Central Government for the settlement of Gorkhaland issue with the Gorkha National Liberation Front?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): In close co-operation with the Government of West Bengal, the Central Government had made effort at finding a solution to the agitation of the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) Formal meetings have been held from time to time between the Home Minister and the GNLF leadership. The issues have also been discussed between the Central Government and the State Government. As a result of such consultations, Shri Subash Ghisingh met the Home Minister in New Delhi on 24th June, 1987 and 16th June, 1987. Consequent to these discussions, a delegation led by Shri Subash Ghisingh met the Prime Minister on 22nd July, 1987. The process of discussions is continuing.

Inclusion of Nepali in the Eighth Schedule

211. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government is agreeable to the demand for the inclusion of Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and also for granting regional autonomy to Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to give effect to both these measures in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Reply is awaited from the State Government.

Killing of bus passengers by terrorists in Haryana

222. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons travelling in two different Haryana Roadways buses were killed/injured by terrorists near Hissar on July 7, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the incident; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Armed terrorists travelling in a jeep stopped a Haryana Roadways Bus at about 8 PM on 7th July, 1987 in district Hissar by blocking the road. The assailants entered the bus and fired indiscriminately killing 29 persons on the spot. Thereafter the assailants left the jeep, stopped a car, killed the driver of the car and moved in the car towards the town Fatehbad. At about 8.30 PM they stopped another